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**Farklı Tarihsel Yaklaşımlarla Toplumsal Gerçekliğin Analizi:
Fukuyama ve Huntington Karşılaştırması**

***Analysis of Social Reality with Different Historical Approaches:
Comparison of Fukuyama and Huntington***

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ABSTRACT

The knowledge of human history has always been of great interest to theorists in search of reality. Sociologists have resorted to different historical approaches in order to understand and explain the remarkable phenomena and events of their time period. The concepts of 'religion' and 'culture', which integrate with the historical process and 'civilization', which encompasses all of these, are among the most important issues considered by social sciences. Intellectual and sociological analyzes based on the questions of how social reality exists and how it will change or develop have intensified since the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. There can be two different historical approaches that contradict each other in making sense of social reality. One of these is the 'progressive approach to history', which argues that human history as a whole progress towards betterment and perfection in a planned manner, as if it were in a straight line. The cyclical 'history approach', which states the opposite of this, is that human history; he argues that it doesn't consist of a single whole but exists with different civilizations, that these civilizations can weaken and collapse after being born and developed like an organism and therefore consist of cyclical repetitions. In this study, both approaches; it has been discussed separately in the light of the views of thinkers such as Kant, Hegel, Ibn Khaldun and Vico. The post Cold-War period, which coincided with the end of the twentieth century, was analyzed within the framework of these two historical approaches; the main problem of this study was tried to be resolved by comparing Fukuyama's 'End of History' thesis with Huntington's 'Clash of Civilizations' thesis. This article has been prepared in accordance with research and publication ethics rules.

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